



# THE HOOSIER VETERAN

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## NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Armed Forces Day is May 15

Memorial Day is May 31

### WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

May is National Military Appreciation Month! This month, we honor and remember our service men and women, past and present. Many exciting things are happening in our Indiana Veteran community this month. Along with the return of in-person events, we also celebrate new technology at our veterans home and the first job fair in our new Indiana Veterans Center. The team at the IDVA remains committed to making Indiana the best place for all Indiana Veterans to Live, Work and Thrive! We welcome contributions and feedback to [outreach@dva.in.gov](mailto:outreach@dva.in.gov).

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NEWSLETTER

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# GRANTS FOR VETERANS SERVICES 2021

## SOLICITATION INFORMATION

Application Deadline: 5 p.m. Eastern – June 14, 2021

**Have questions? We have answers!**

Join us for a Webex virtual meeting for all interested GVS applicants beginning 2:30 p.m. May 13. Everyone is invited to attend. We will review the application process, eligibility and any other details YOU would like to know. We look forward to seeing you online and can't wait to review your application!



**Below is the meeting invitation:**

When: Thursday, May 13, 2021 2:30 PM–4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: <https://indiana.webex.com/indiana/j.php?MTID=mcc4e1b8698672bb8987c903cb129f175>

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Grants for Veterans Services (GVS) Solicitation

Solicitation Release Date: May 3, 2021

Grant Period of Performance: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

**[in.gov/dva](https://www.in.gov/dva)**

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking applications for the Grants for Veterans Services program. This solicitation is open to non-profit organizations registered with the Indiana Secretary of State.

The grant amounts will be between \$25,000 and \$150,000 depending on each applicant's need for funds, the availability of funding, and volume of eligible applicants.

All applications, procedures, and documentation should follow Indiana Code, Indiana Administrative Code, and Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs policies.

Grant applications may be submitted via:

Email: Gabrielle J. Owens, General Counsel at [GOwens1@dva.in.gov](mailto:GOwens1@dva.in.gov)

Fax: (317) 232-7721

Mail: 777 N. Meridian Street, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204

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# INDIANA VIETNAM VETS GIFT



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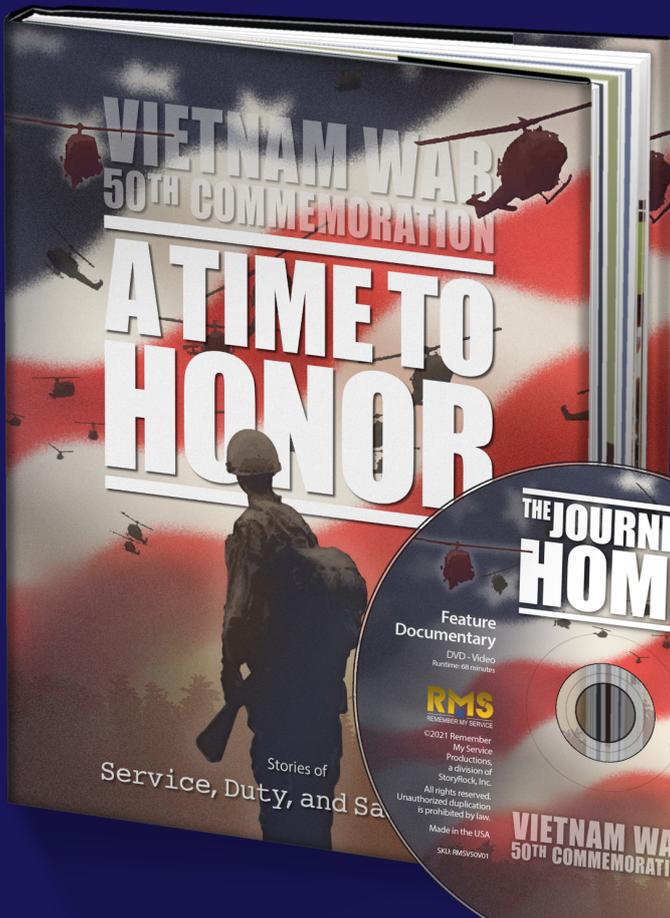
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# May/June

VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS



JEEPS ON MAIN ST

This event will be a family fun event! Jeeps on Main St is a fundraising for Mission 22! Mission 22 supports the veteran community with 3 main programs: veteran treatment programs, memorial and community social impact programs. Please come out and enjoy good food, music, vendors, raffles & a Jeep show!

More info to come!

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 8

142 N. Main St, Roanoke, IN 46783

**[For more information visit our Facebook page here!](#)**

## 2021 Indiana Run For The Fallen

The run team will stop at each "Hero Marker" HM (each mile marker) to give individual tribute to waiting Gold Star family members, friends and comrades. The goal of the event is to create a 140-mile memorial trail through Indiana to honor and read the names of over 500 Fallen Heroes.

May 14 to 16

Day 1: 7:30 a.m.

Day 2: 7 a.m.

Day 3: 8 a.m.

Starting location at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Ft. Wayne. Ending location at 1:30 p.m. War Memorial Plaza downtown Indianapolis. For more information, visit [Run for the Fallen website](#).

## 3rd Annual Bloomington 22 Poker Run

Hosted by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association®, the 22 Poker Run is 9:30 to 11 a.m., May 22 at Harley-Davidson of Bloomington 522 W. Gourley Pike Bloomington, IN 47404. The stops will be given at registration. This is a ride at your own pace in some of the most beautiful riding spots in southern Indiana. Expect to see why Brown County is a major riding enthusiasts favorite spot to take a stroll.

For more information visit the [event website HERE](#).



## Vietnam Wall Dedication Event

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine & Museum will host an event 11 a.m. May 29 at 2122 O'Day Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46818 for the dedication of the Healing Wall replica. Visit the [event website HERE](#) for more information.



## Remember: A Benefit Dinner to raise awareness for Veteran programs

The event is hosted by Freedom System Inc.  
5 to 10 p.m. June 5 at  
VFW Post 985  
1201 W. Pike St  
Goshen, IN 46526  
\$25 Person

To purchase a seat and for more information please visit the [event website HERE](#).



Writing in Peace, a program of the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library in partnership with Turkey Run State Park, is a creative writing workshop for veterans. This is a monthly workshop. Sign up by emailing to [info@vonnegutlibrary.org](mailto:info@vonnegutlibrary.org) indicating which dates you would like to attend. Visit the [Vonnegut Library](#) website for more information.

# ROLL CALL!



1415 North Gate Road  
Madison, IN 47250

The Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery is open for visitors. Please follow all COVID-19 guidelines:

- Wear a mask in all buildings.
- Maintain 6 feet social space.

We understand and appreciate your contribution to keeping everyone safe to enjoy their visit.

Click [HERE](#) to see the webpage.

## Memorial Day Service is 1 p.m. May 31, 2021.

Guest speaker is IDVA's General Counsel, Gabrielle Owens. Join us as we honor and remember our fallen veterans and their families. The event is outdoors with social distancing and some chairs will be provided. You may bring a chair and an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

# INDIANA VETERANS HOME GETS TECHY!

INDIANA VETERANS HOME

## TEMI ROBOTS AT IVH

INTRODUCING T1 & T2



IVH is using these devices as resident engagement and quality of life enhancers. They interact autonomously, similar to an Alexa on wheels (with a great sound system) or communicating with Siri. They can play music, tell jokes, lead dance trains, show YouTube videos, answer questions via Wikipedia, make deliveries to residents, and more. Additionally, they can autonomously facilitate video chats with family and friends outside of IVH for our residents. Our recreation and restorative nursing teams are using them to enhance their resident engagement activities, and they've been a welcome fun, new interactive devices that are already making friends with our residents and staff members.

# ROLL CALL!



INDIANA VETERANS HOME

## IVH is excited to announce a COVID-19 Vaccination partnership with the VA: Sign up today!

Who's eligible:

- Our veterans spouses
  - Our veterans guardians, if they have one
  - ANY veteran and their spouse that needs one (help us spread the word to Indiana Veterans)
  - All of our staff (contracted and agency) included
- Questions? (765) 463-1502

**VETERANS REGISTERED WITH THE VA CAN CALL: 317-988-4899**

**IVH STAFF REGISTER HERE [HTTPS://CUTT.LY/6BJJLQR](https://cutt.ly/6BJJLQR)**

MAY 10 to MAY 14

MacArthur Auditorium  
3851 North River Road  
West Lafayette, IN 47906





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Need to call the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs?

800.698.2411

Federal Veterans Benefits, Healthcare & Services

[va.gov](http://va.gov)

**LIVE ASSISTANCE**  
General information, directory assistance and technical support for VA.gov

**VA HEALTH CARE**  
Eligibility, enrollment, locations and COVID-19

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE**  
MISSION Act eligibility, copayments

**NATIONAL CEMETERIES**  
Burial benefits, interment scheduling and headstone/Veteran marker

**VETERANS CRISIS LINE**  
Immediate connection to caring, qualified responders

**DEBT MANAGEMENT**  
Debt details, payment options and debtor rights

**FACILITY LOCATOR**  
Locations of medical centers, benefits offices or cemeteries

**BENEFITS ASSISTANCE**  
Information about a variety of VA benefits

**HOMELESS VETERANS LINE**  
Information and support for homeless and at-risk callers

**COVID-19 INFORMATION**  
Frequently asked questions and live assistance for COVID-related questions



## COVID-19 Veteran Vaccinations

**What:** COVID-19 vaccinations for Veterans & eligible individuals

**Who is eligible:** \*UPDATE\* SAVE LIVES ACT - Veterans & eligible individuals under the SAVE LIVES Act, may call 317-988-4899, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., to schedule vaccine appointments at the below facilities:

### Where:

- Indianapolis VAMC
- Bloomington, Indy West, Martinsville, Shelbyville, Terre Haute, Wakeman, & W. Lafayette

**How:** We will schedule your 1st and 2nd dose. If you would like to enroll in [VA Healthcare](#), [click HERE](#) to get started.



## Employers:

Allied Universal Security  
 Indiana State Personnel Dept.  
 Dot Foods  
 Estes Transportation  
 IMMI  
 IU Health  
 Lowe's Home Improvement  
 Midwest Firestop  
 NSK Precision  
 SMC USA  
 Veteran Benefits Administration  
 Kelly Services  
 ABC Apprenticeships

# Career/Job Fair

**MAY 20, 2021 10am – 2:30pm**

777 NORTH MERIDIAN ST  
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